

### *SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, replace the first paragraph with the following:

This application is a continuation of PCT/EP02/08849 filed August 7, 2002, which is incorporated in it entirety.

### FIELD OF INVENTION

The invention relates to a method of coating the surface of substrates in order, in particular, to effect modification of said surface.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Such modification in turn serves, in particular, to achieve selective adaptation of the hydrophilicity or hydrophobicity of the surface of the substrates. A further object of the invention relates to the stabilization of particles to counteract flocculation. Another essential field of application relates to improving the resistance of the surface of substrates to ambient media. Furthermore, the substrates can be adapted, via their surface properties, to media with which the substrates will later come into contact or into which they will be introduced or incorporated.

On page 2, between the first full paragraph and the second full paragraph, insert the following:

### SUMMARY AND OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

On page 6, between the paragraph beginning "The method" and the paragraph beginning "This and further advantages", insert the following:

### DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In re Appln. of Schauer et al.  
Application No. 10/775,889

On page 7, at the top of the page before any text, please insert the following:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS**